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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for Section 99a of Public Act 268 of 2008, State School Aid Act Mathematics Remediation Grant

In the State School Aid Act, the Michigan Legislature appropriated approximately \$725,000 for pilot grants to mathematics and science centers, in conjunction with the Michigan Virtual University, to develop and implement pilot programs for after-school and summer mathematics for eighth grade students, to be made available to up to 5,000 eighth grade students in this state who have experienced academic difficulty in mathematics. The pilot programs shall make use of highly qualified online mathematics coaches and tutors, along with a robust online diagnostic tool and shall present engaging, research-based prescriptive multimedia content.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for Section 99a of Public Act 268 of 2008, State School Aid Act Mathematics Remediation Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum, dated January 26, 2009.

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**Criteria for Section 99a of Public Act 268 of 2008, State School Aid Act  
Mathematics Remediation Grant**

The State Board of Education has adopted as its Strategic Goal "Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal, and the Board's Vision and Principles of Universal Education.

**PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT**

The legislatively designated grants in the State School Aid Act, to the extent possible, serve to attain the above Strategic Goal.

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT**

☐ Competitive    ☐ Formula    ☒ New    ☐ Continuation    (*check all that apply*)

From the state school aid fund, money appropriated in section 11, subsection (1), there is allocated for 2008-2009 funds for pilot grants to mathematics and science centers funded under section 99 that are selected by the mathematics and science network in conjunction with the Michigan Virtual University to develop and implement pilot programs for after-school and summer mathematics for eighth grade students who have experienced academic difficulty in mathematics. Contingent upon funding, this program is intended to be a three-year program.

**CRITERIA**

Date criteria were last approved     N/A    

☒ Defined in Legislation    ☐ Defined in Department's Approved Grant Application to the Funder    ☐ Proposed by Staff

The qualifying application will propose pilot programs that:

- Make use of highly qualified online mathematics coaches and tutors;
- Utilize a robust online diagnostic tool; and
- Shall present engaging, research-based prescriptive multimedia content

The qualifying application should have goals to do at least the following:

- Expand access to engaging online teaching and learning resources in mathematics;
- Provide students with alternative learning options that are relevant and engaging; and
- Improve the likelihood of student success with the Michigan high school graduation requirements in mathematics.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT**

Eligible applicants: Any fiscal agent of the 33 mathematics and science centers funded under section 99 of Public Act 268 of 2008  
Target population: 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who have experienced difficulty in mathematics

**TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

The estimated amount of available funding for 2008-2009 is \$725,000.

**LEGISLATION**

Public Act 268 of 2008, Section 99a

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